

MINUTES

Minutes of: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.
Date of Meeting: March 21, 2011
Place of Meeting: Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cooper called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Cooper, Commissioners Craig, Farley, Lyons, Proulx, Simons

Absent: Commissioner Martyns (arrived at 5:32 p.m.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: On motion by Commissioner Farley, the Minutes of the regular meeting held on January 31, 2011 were approved.
AYES: Chairperson Cooper, Commissioners Craig, Farley, Lyons, and Proulx
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Simons
ABSENT: Commissioner Martyns

INTRODUCTIONS

Introduction of new Parks & Recreation Director, Chris Hazeltine.
Introduction of new Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Matt Simons.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Kimberly Thorner, a resident of Carlsbad and board member on the Magdalena Ecke Family YMCA spoke on an item on the agenda. She addressed her support for Alga Norte Community Park and a potential partnership between the City and Ecke YMCA.

Susan Hight, Executive Director of Ecke YMCA, spoke on an item on the agenda. She also addressed her support for a potential partnership between the City and Ecke YMCA. She stated that Ecke YMCA currently has 6,700 members that are from Carlsbad and 37,000 participants from Carlsbad.

CONSENT CALENDAR**1. AB # 0311-1 COMMISSION SUMMARY REPORT - (ACTION)**

To accept, approve and file the January 31, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Summary Report.

ACTION: On motion by Commissioner Lyons AB #0311-1 of the consent calendar was approved.

AYES: Chairperson Cooper, Commissioners Craig, Farley, Lyons, Martyns, and Proulx

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Simons

ABSENT: None

2. AB # 0311-2 DEPARTMENT REPORT - (ACTION)

Sue Spickard, Recreation Services Manager, reported on recently completed and upcoming Parks and Recreation activities, donations, as well as other topics of local interest which include the following:

- Beaches and lagoon update – Batiquitos Lagoon dredging project to begin September 2011.
- Carrillo Ranch Barn Restoration project – expected to be complete end of April 2011.
- California Parks & Recreation Society awards.
- Completed events – Teen Scene – January 29, 2011
Community Play Date – March 5, 2011
Trail Volunteer Work – March 12, 2011
Trail Hike – March 19, 2011
- Upcoming events – Parks & Recreation Director Welcome Reception – April 7, 2011 at the Senior Center in the Activity Room from 4:30pm-6:00pm.

ACTION: On motion by Commissioner Farley AB #0311-2 to accept a report from Recreation Services Manager was approved.

AYES: Chairperson Cooper, Commissioners Craig, Farley, Lyons, Martyns, Proulx, and Simons

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

3. AB # 0311-3 REQUEST TO AMEND COUNCIL POLICY NO. 48 – (ACTION)

The Commission received a report on the proposed amendments of Council Policy No. 48: Naming rights of parks, designated municipal facilities, and amenities within those facilities.

ACTION: On motion by Commissioner Cooper AB #0311-3 to return the item to staff.

AYES: Chairperson Cooper, Commissioners Craig, Farley, Lyons, Martyns, Proulx, and Simons

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Commission commented on the following:

- Waiver
- Duration of waiting period

4. AB # 0311-4 ALGA NORTE PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY – (ACTION)

John Coates, Assistant City Manager, and Mark Steyaert, Park Development Manager, gave a presentation on the Executive Summary for the Alga Norte Park Community Park: Market, Financial, and Operational Assessment prepared by Counsilman-Hunsaker in association with Pacific Group. It was noted that the consultants could not be in attendance and the staff would present their findings.

Comments were as follows from Commissioners:

Commissioner Farley asked for clarification on the consultants' recommendation to downsize the Master Plan, which the community supports. He thinks we should explore partnership with Ecke YMCA. Commissioner Farley stated that we need to move forward on this project. He does not agree with scaling down the park and spending 2.7 million more to do so.

Commissioner Martyns asked if a Request for Proposal would be required. He was also concerned about alcohol being served at the Park to generate revenue. In addition, he asked who was interviewed for a potential partnership.

John Coates, Assistant City Manager, stated the Carlsbad School District, Pacific Ridge School, Ecke YMCA, Boys & Girls Club as well as other skateholders were interviewed.

Commissioner Martyns stated that he heard that there is a proposal to construct four pools in Carlsbad and that we may have competition.

Mark Steyaert, Park Development Manager, explained that there are currently two companies that have plans for instructional pools. One is at Bressi Ranch in an industrial building and the other location was not known.

Commissioner Lyons stated that she could not imagine that the City was planning to build with eliminating a deep water pool. We need a state of the art facility. She stated that she does not support any change in the plans. She also stated that we have funds set aside to go ahead with the park.

Commissioner Simons stated he supports a sports complex but does not support having alcohol served in the Park or in this location. He thinks it should be a family oriented park and we should use caution on the hours of operation due to lights and noise.

Commissioner Craig asked if modification to the primary pool would restrict its competitive use for international competition.

Commissioner Cooper asked which is better to have a lounge pool or instructional pool.

Carl Pope, Aquatics Manager, stated it is important to have an instructional pool.

Mark Steyaert, Parks Development Manager, stated that it is a concept plan that the consultant did and will need refinement by the design team.

ACTION: On motion by Commissioner Farley AB #0311-4 to accept a report on the Executive Summary for the Alga Norte Park Feasibility Study was approved and Commissioners' comments noted and to be passed on to City Council.

AYES: Chairperson Cooper, Commissioners Craig, Farley, Lyons, Martyns, Proulx, and Simons

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

COMMITTEE/CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Proulx reported that a Joint Commission Summit Planning Meeting was held in San Marcos on February 15, 2011. She stated the next meeting is the North San Diego County Community Services Commission Summit and is scheduled to be held on May 21, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at San Marcos Community Center.

Commissioners asked John Coates, Assistant City Manager, to send an invitation email on the upcoming City Council Workshop on March 29, 2011.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETING

None.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: On motion by Commissioner Farley to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:18 p.m. to March 29, 2011 City Council workshop on Alga Norte Community Park at Faraday Center from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

AYES: Chairperson Cooper, Commissioners, Craig, Farley, Lyons, Martyns, Proulx, and Simons

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hardy
Minutes Clerk